THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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Bible Material: Mark 8:27—9:1.
Devotional Reading: Acts 2:29-36.

Is Jesus Lord?

Lesson for December 28, 1958

ONE SUMMER day at a resort town then called Caesarea Philippi, the great words were spoken. It was a turning point in the history of Jesus; it was a central point in the history of the world. A small group of obscure men were asked a simple question by their leader, then almost as obscure as they were: "Who do you say that I am?" An odd question, at first hearing. Who should he be, who could he be, but what he was? Jesus was his name, a village called Nazareth once his home, more recently Capernaum. His occupation? Teacher, preacher, healer. A friend (it was said) of the lowest classes; at any rate he always seemed to have time for them.

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"You Are the Christ"

These shabbily dressed friends of his, remember had never been to a Christian church in their lives. None then existed. They had never heard or sung a hymn to Christ, never heard a benediction in his name. They had not even heard the expression "Jesus Christ." Humanly speaking, they had no help in their answer. Humanly speaking, they could only have said,—"Who are you? Why, Jesus, of course, our friend and teacher, yes a prophet!"

But one of those men spoke with more than human insight that day. "You are the Christ," he said. A simple sentence; but so profound, so filled with meaning that Peter himself did not then fully realize what he was saying, and all the volumes that have been written about it cannot say the last word. For those were the words on which the Christian church is built. Those are the words which are the key to the future of mankind. That "confession" or affirmation of the fisherman Simon Peter contains in germ the Christian creed: it sets Jesus apart as unique in the human race; it proclaims him King of kings and Lord of all.

Is Jesus Lord?

"Christ" and "Lord" are very high titles for Jesus. Jesus himself knew that some people spoke and would speak of him in this way without meaning a word of it. He made somewhat bitter fun of people who would come around calling him "Lord, Lord," but never listened to what he taught and never did what he said to do. And that illustrates a curious point about the proposition "Jesus is the Christ" or "Jesus is Lord,"—they mean about the same thing—namely that in a sense they are true, in a sense not true. It is true that Jesus is Lord by right, by Gods design and destiny. It is true that he will reign. But is it true that he does reign? He is the Lord by right; but are his wishes respected, his commands obeyed, is he welcome in his own realm?

How the World Moves

At this time of the year, it is good to ask the old question. Is the world growing better or worse? Such a question cannot be answered unless there is some kind of a standard, some point of reference. The world may be growing more to suit you, or less so; that is not the point. The world is more comfortable than it used to be, more literate; but if every one on earth owned a college diploma, would that mean the world was growing better by that much? A preacher would be inclined to take his church as a point of reference. If he has taken in lots of new members, that's a sign the world is growing better fast. But no, a church could be taking in members by the pewful, and still actually be blocking the way to a better world.

The point of reference here suggested is this proposition, Jesus is Lord, meant sincerely, and lived-by seriously. The world is growing better in so far as, and as fast as, the Lordship of Christ (which is always total by right) becomes total in fact. Is the world coming anywhere to recognize him as Lord of life? If the answer anywhere is Yes, more so than ever, then the world at that point is growing better; if the answer is No, there the world is growing worse. Every man can well begin the questioning with himself; for each person is the one part of the world for which—for better or worse—he alone will be called to account.

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Navy pushes creation of subsea missile force.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 22.- A Christmas play will be presented at the Baptist Church here on December 24, at 7:30.

Mrs. David Garrette, of Alexandria is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell LeGrand and Mr. and Mrs. Archer LeGrand Jr. and family, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey and babby and Wanda Kay LeGrand, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, of Hampton, Va., will spend the holidays with Mr. A. A. LeGrand.

Massie Hamilton Circle met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Harris on Thursday evening, with a small attendance.

Mrs. Eula LeGrand spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mrs. Rachel McFadden and daughter, Ellen, and Mrs. Dolly Mayberry motored to Charlottesville Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Paulette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Paulette.

Mrs. Rachel McFadden was the guest of Mrs. Lillie Tucker, at the Garment Factory supper and dance at Hotel Appomattox recently.

Mr. Harvey Hamlet is a patient at Lynchburg Hospital.

A number of young people and adults gave Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge a house-warming, when she moved into her new home last Tuesday evening.

Emile and Bonnie Bruce had tonsil operations last Friday at the Lynchburg Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris attended church services at Pleasant View Church, where their son is pastor, the Rev. Robert Harris, Jr.

Mr. J. E. Paulette and girls, of Lynchburg visited his mother, Mrs. O. C. Paulette Sunday P. M.

Mr. John Rush, of Kenbridge, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette and family Thursday.

NEW KNIFE FOR FLIERS

Gladstone, Mich.- The Marble Arms Corporation, of Gladstone, is grinding knives for use by downed fliers.

The knives, tested by the Bureau of Aeronautics, have blades which can cut metal or other hard materials, such as the sides of a crashed plane. The knife butt is strong enough to be used as a hammer.

HOMICIDE RATE DROPS

New York.- The incidence of homicide in the United States has decreased since World War II, despite a marked increase in major crimes. Moreover, the homicide rate at the ages of 15 to 19 has decreased in the same period in spite of a major increase in juvenile delinquency.

FIRST NAVY MISSILE SUB

Point Mugu, Cal.- Missile-packing nuclear submarines that can carry atomic warheads within reach of any part of the globe are only two weeks away from reality.

The U. S. S. Halibut, Navy says will be the first of this type, will be ready in January at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco.

The Halibut will carry 11 missiles at first, but is expected to be converted to the Polaris, a 1,500-mile-range ballistic missile.

And The Next?

"The best way to keep health is to rise at 5 in the morning and have a cold bath." "Is that the best way?" —The Brooklyn.

Study finds California has frequency of quakes.

Play safe — drive

Greetings

In this season of joy and cheer, we welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and patrons, a very merry Yuletide. May you ever enjoy an abundance of life's best gifts...peace, health and happiness, and the blessings of love and friendship. We especially want to express our grateful appreciation for your loyalty and good will. We have greatly enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of serving you during the past year, and we hope that we may continue to do so for many a year to come.

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SUPPLIES, COSTS CONTINUE UPWARD

production items supply farm by the non-farm economy, as well as farm interest, and taxes, are expected to increase a moderately upward during the next year, national economists at VPI.

stocks for the seventh year will increase. Supplies need not be increased more than a year earlier. Farm prices may be expected to rise. Farm prices will likely be only slightly lower than in

prices will be favorable to other production

farm machinery, motor and building material are expected to go up. However, retail prices for machinery, power units reflect in part additions and improvements may be opportunities for production cost per unit. Purchases about buying of equipment should be delayed for a period of probably 10 to 15 years.

farm rates for the nation during 1958 although employment and slackening activity prevailed in the general economy. In Virginia, from September 1957 to September 1958, farm wage rates for various groups of farm laborers changed as follows: fom $5 to $5.30 per day with house; from $6.10 to $6.30 per day without room; from 76c to 78c per hour without board; and from 67c to 68c per hour composite.

With prospects of less unemployment and improved business activity in the industrial economy, the farmer likely will have to pay higher wages for labor. The trend is expected to continue as more industry moves into the state.

Feed grain costs will be slightly lower in Virginia during 1958. Corn production is expected to be nearly double last year's short crop, and estimates of all other grain stocks on Virginia farms are up from last year.

Because of the high transportation costs for bulky feeds such as hay, the Virginia price of hay is greatly influenced by local production. The price received by Virginia farmers was $28.10 per ton in September, 1958, as compared to $34.10 per ton a year earlier. Prices for hay are likely to be $8.00 to $10 per ton less in 1958-59 than during 1957-58 in many areas of the state.

Virginia farmers bought alsike, red clover, alsike clover, and white clover seed at a slightly lower price this fall than a year earlier. Seeds that cost Virginia farmers more this fall than last year were ladino clover, up 30%; orchard grass, up 15%; and timothy, up 60%.

Stocks of lespedeza, the South's leading hay and pasture legume, are down 45% from a year earlier. Although the stocks of some of the other legume seeds are lower, there is also some indication that farmer demand has slackened in some areas. Thus, little change in legume seed prices is predicted.

More high analysis fertilizer will be available in 1959, the economists say.

FARM REAL ESTATE CONTINUES HIGH

Prices of farm real estate seem likely to continue upward for some time to come, say agricultural economists at VPI.

They point out that for the year ended June 30, the rate of rise in Virginia was faster than the national average. Industrial developments, residential developments, super-highways, etc., are increasing the demand for land. Farmers displaced are usually paid for the land, and also for the inconvenience of having to move. They must then bid the price up someplace else in order to get a farm.

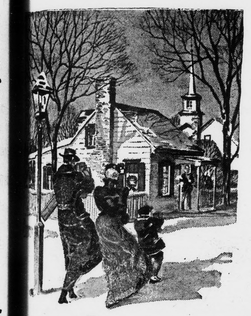
Many people also seem interested in land as a hedge against inflation, the economists say. Farmers who have machinery that can be used more efficiently on a larger acreage are in the market for more land. Others are bidding up the price of land in an effort to increase their allotments of controlled crops.

All these factors add up to the prediction of a continuing upward trend in farm land prices, as the supply shrinks and the demand grows, the economists say.

INGRID A CITIZEN

Stockholm.- King Gustaf VI and the Swedish Cabinet recently returned Swedish citizenship to Ingrid Bergman.

The 43-year-old actress, a native of Sweden, had lost her citizenship when she married Italian film director Roberto Rossellini in 1950.



Season's GREETINGS

Best wishes of the season to all our friends. In the spirit of this holiday time, we wish you a heart full of good cheer, a home full of friends and loved ones, and a life filled with happiness. May all the joys of the Yuletide be lastingly yours, to brighten and enrich every day.

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Homemakers Items

Drying and ironing starched clothes can sometimes pose a problem if you don't know some tricks of the trade, say Extension Division specialists.

They say if you're drying starched articles in a dryer, you may want to use a little heavier starch solution. It is wise to dry starched articles together in the dryer, as they tend to lose some of the starch during the tumbling action, and the starch may be left on unstarched pieces.

Remove starched items from the dryer just damp enough for ironing. If you can't iron them right away, a plastic bag will keep the moisture in. If garments toss in the dryer after they are dry, they may lose some of the starch.

In drying starched clothes on the line, be sure to shake out gathers and pleats, smooth collars, cuffs and belts before hanging up, so the starch won't concentrate in the folds and cause sticking at ironing time. Check the weather - very windy or very humid weather sometimes makes starched clothes go limp. Freezing weather has the same effect. If the weather is against you, hang clothes indoors.

If dampening is necessary before ironing, dampen evenly and lightly with lukewarm water. Don't get clothes too wet or the iron may stick. Heavily starched pieces need slightly more dampening for ironing than lightly starched or unstarched pieces. Less dampening is needed for ironing with an ironer than for hand ironing.

The pressure of the ironer brings out the stiffness so you may want to use less starch than when hand ironing. Wrap dampened articles and let them stand about two hours before ironing so the moisture is evenly distributed. Use a reasonably hot iron, not too hot, not too cold. A starch mix may be added to cooked starch or hot water starch for easier ironing. It gives a slick satiny finish and makes the iron glide easily.

If starch does stick and you want to remove it while the iron is still warm, sprinkle table salt on waxed paper and slide the iron over it. To remove starch from a cool iron or ironer, rub it with a soft cloth dipped in sudsy water. Silver polish also will clean it off. Rinse clean of suds or polish and wipe dry. Don't use harsh abrasives, razor blades or knives to clean the iron soleplates or ironer shoes.

Season's GREETINGS

Warmly, we welcome the happiest season of the year, with hearty wishes to our friends and customers, for a holiday abounding in joy and good fellowship.

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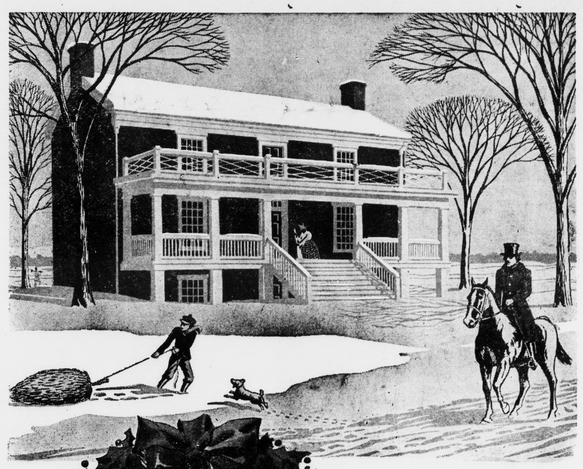

At the McLean House at Appomattox, General Robert E. Lee and General Ulysses S. Grant met on April 9, 1865 — the first step in the reunion of our states into a great nation where the common brotherhood of man prevails.

Season's Greetings

The Officers and Staff of The Bank of Appomattox extend to you their sincerest wishes for the Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Happiness.

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